(b) and (c) According to Inter-government Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)- a United Nations body constituted for assessing climate change globally, it has been projected that the global mean sea level may rise between 0.09 and 0.88 metres over the next century. However, lot of uncertainties are associated with these projections due to lack of knowledge of the impacts in various sectors at regional/sub-regional level. However, Government has taken several steps to address green house gas emissions responsible for global warming leading to rise in sea level. These include energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy programmes, fuel switching to cleaner energy, afforestation and better cultivar practices.

Contract Research

†3764. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'contract research' is banned in India by assuming it as immoral;

(b) if so, in what manner contract research is going on in our labs; and

(c) if not, the steps Government are going to take to prevent the cruel behaviour against animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Contract research is conducted mainly for regulatory toxicology testing in laboratories by institutes and organizations.

(c) Contract research can be conducted only with the prior permission of Committee for the purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA) as per the amended rules in vogue.

Garbage causing health hazards

3765. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact, that stock filed garbage in the cities and towns in the country are causing health hazards;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take for collection, transportation and disposal of garbage;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether the Bangalore and the other District Headquarters in Karnataka State are starved off the funds for disposal of Municipal garbage and having bad effect on the health of the people; and

(d) whether Government propose to introduce private players for effective garbage collection, transportation and disposal; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) and (b) Improper management of garbage has the potential to cause health hazards. To regulate the management and handling of the municipal solid wastes, the Ministry of Environment and Forests notified the Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) rules 2000. These Rules shall apply to every municipal authority responsible for collection, segregation, storage, transportation, processing and disposal of municipal solid wastes.

(c) and (d) As per the information available with Central Pollution Control Board, most of the cities/towns including district headquarters in Karnataka have not been able to take effective steps for management of municipal solid wastes as per rules. Local bodies have been impressed upon to seek private entrepreneurship in setting up of waste processing plants including collection and transportation of the wastes.

Wildlife Protection Force

3766 : SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to raise any "Wildlife Protection Force" to protect wildlife and forest resources against organised gangs of poachers and smugglers of forest products;

(b) if so, the nature of scope of such plans and time period which will be required for creation of such forces; and

(c) if not, the plans of effective protection of wildlife and forest areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) to (c) At present there is no proposal